

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of March 31, 2005 requiring restriction to the invention of Group 1, II, or III.

Applicant elects the invention of the claims of Group II, claims 7-37 and 83, to be examined. Therefore, claims 7-37 and 83 are requested to be examined in this application, as well as new dependent claims 84-92 which are dependent on claims 7 and 19 of Group II. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 38-82 are cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to file a divisional application on the cancelled claims.

The Examiner also requested that Applicant make an election of species with respect to claims 7, 19, 22, and 35 of Group II. New dependent claims 84-92 separately recite each element previously grouped in claims 7, 19, and 22. With regard to the species of nutrients, Applicant elects nitrogen. With regard to the species of micronutrients, Applicant elects calcium. Applicant notes that claims 7, 19, and 22 are now generic claims.

Applicant believes that claim 35 was erroneously included in the requirement for an election of species. Claim 35 recites that the nutrient mixture comprises all three recited nutrients rather than each nutrient separately. Therefore, an election of species should not be required, and none is made with regard to Claim 35.

If any issues remain, or if the Examiner believes that prosecution of this application might be expedited by discussion of the issues, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at the telephone number listed below.

Given that more claims were cancelled than were added by amendment, it is believed that no additional fees are due. However, if and to the extent that any additional fees are required, authorization is given to charge payment of such additional fees, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Acct. 13-4213.

Respectfully submitted,

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